

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 23, 1855.

WE are indebted to our friend William J. Swinburne, the Know Nothing Mayor elect, for an immense egg, one of the largest that we ever saw. The egg was laid at the precise moment when it was ascertained that brother Swinburne was elected; it is supposed that the firing of these cannon rather hastened its advent a little. We do not value the egg as highly as we otherwise should, had we not ascertained, on enquiry of brother Swinburne, that it was laid by a Shanghai hen; he claims however that the hen was born on American soil—but there is a question about this, the same as there is in regard to the birth-place of Chief Miffell, of New York. Brother Curtis is to investigate the genealogy of the hen, and if it is ascertained that it is purely American, our friend brother Carr will fire a grand salute in honor of the triumph of this important matter of Americanism. Brother Swinburne will not be allowed to keep any genuine Shanghai hen hereafter.

We fear that the faithful have made a mistake in electing brother Swinburne Mayor, for he has too much fancy for foreign things. He wears a regular Shanghai coat, and supports a huge moustache, which is decidedly foreign. These things cannot be allowed; brother Curtis and ourselves will take brother Swinburne in charge, and, with the aid of brother Col. Carr, will soon have him in good drill.

WE desire to caution the manufacturers of Egg Pop, for election, to be careful and not use any eggs that may be laid by hens of even "foreign extraction"; no liquor must be used except New England Rum, not even New Jersey Brandy will be allowed, as that State is out of the Union. The article must be purely American.

OUR engraving and the poem descriptive of it, illustrating the execution of the traitors in the fourth Ward, are nearly completed; we shall be able to present them to our readers tomorrow morning. They are very rich.

BROTHER Iru French, Councilman elect from the Third Ward, will petition the General Assembly, at its next session, to change his name, as it is altogether too foreign.

VALUABLE DOCUMENT FOUND AMONG SOME RUBBISH.—We are informed that in removing a quantity of rubbish from the garret of the house lately occupied by Mrs. Van Rensselaer, deceased, there was found the original charter of the city of Albany, granted by Queen Anne, through the then governor of the state, Col. James Dongan. This certainly is a very valuable relic, and should be placed in the custody of the city, from whose charge and keeping it would appear it has passed in some as yet unaccounted for manner.—*Albany Argus.*

WASHINGTON IRVING is, we regret to hear, suffering from the effects of a casualty which occurred on Wednesday. Mr. Irving was riding on the river near Sunnyside when his horse took fright and ran away. The animal's head was fortunately toward home for which he made at a terrible pace. Mr. Irving kept his seat, and might have escaped unhurt; but, as the horse turned from the main road he fell and threw his rider, who was taken up stunned by the fall. Mr. Irving remained insensible for several hours, and is yet not entirely out of danger.

WAR.—The Richmond Enquirer is deliberately of the opinion, that the U. States has just and plentiful cause for going to war with Spain, and thinks war will come. Others think—and not a few—that the President would deserve to be impeached were he to plunge the country into a war, either as a political expedient—and the Enquirer says war is to be the Democratic watchword for the coming campaign—or to gratify any number of restless filibusters.

A correspondent of the Maine Farmer states that a tea-spoonful of salt thrown into the water will soften from three to four pairs of hard water. This is a valuable receipt for house-keepers, and one which may be easily tested.

POTATOES.—Four thousand bushels of potatoes were brought to this port yesterday, in two vessels from Nova Scotia—the schooners Return and Argo, from Horton. We understand a large number of vessels laden with potatoes, are on their way to this port from Nova Scotia, where there is a large surplus stock. This will be good news for poor people. The receipt of so many thousand bushels of potatoes must bring the prices down.—*Boston Herald, 19th.*

A meeting was held on Saturday evening last, at the Astor house, to consult upon such measures as might be deemed necessary to take, to test the constitutionality of the law just passed by the legislature, prohibiting the sale of liquors. About one hundred and fifty gentlemen were present, consisting of importers of wines and spirits, hotel keepers, &c.

Mr. Charles Stetson called the meeting to order, and Mr. Oliver Wetmore was appointed Chairman, and Messrs. Tredwell and Cozzen, Secretaries.

Mr. Stetson explained the object of the meeting, namely, to appoint a Committee to take the opinion of the best lawyers in the city, and to ascertain the probability of securing their services and assistance, in testing the constitutionality of the law before the proper tribunals. It was proposed to raise a fund for the defrayment of the expenses of counsel.

On motion a Committee of seven was appointed to carry out the views of the meeting, with instructions to wait upon the following gentlemen:—Charles O'Connor, J. Curtis Noyes, Greene C. Branson, Jas. R. Whiting, Horace F. Clark, George Wood, J. Prescott, Hall, and Jas. W. Girard.

I was remarked by Mr. Engs, that it would be necessary to raise at least \$10,000, to secure the services of eminent counsel, whereupon a subscription was opened.

Mr. Engs acting as treasurer. Several gentlemen came forward and subscribed sums varying from \$250 to \$500, and in a short time nearly \$9000 were subscribed.

It was subsequently moved and adopted, that the Committee that had been appointed, be instructed to co-operate with the Retail Dealers' Association, the interests to be defended being the same.

A Committee of twenty persons was appointed to collect funds, and the meeting adjourned.

It was understood that any surplus funds remaining after the lawyers fees were paid, should be employed in defending the first suit for a violation of the law that should come before the Courts.

New York Express.

LADIES BONNETS.—"Siella," in her "Suburban Letters" to the Worcester Palladium makes some pertinent allusions to the present style of ladies' bonnets. She says—

They are ruining the eye-sight of all who wear them. The rays of the sun come directly upon the eye and the victim squints wrinkles up her forehead, sheds a few natural tears, and hurries on to the shade of the nearest building, to give her eyes a moment's rest. No gentleman wears a hat without a brim, or a cap without a visor; but the ladies—languid creatures that they are—can only seek shelter behind what may be supposed to be their motto, "grin and bear it," or, as it has been poetically rendered, "suffer and be strong." But how are these necessary evils held on; that is, when they are on? At first, the constant slipping off was counteracted by the shoulders, that very obligingly acted the part of an extra pair of hands; and, hunching themselves up, pushed on the offender. But this was found so ungraceful, such an exaggeration of "the Grecian stoop," that it was vetoed. Necessity, 'the mother of invention,' now called upon her daughter for a remedy. She suggested that the bonnets should be held on, and with tall, pointed combs. No sooner said than done; but a few dislike great combs, so invention pointed to the smaller one of the toilette table. But secrets will out, and bonnets sometimes come off unexpectedly; and, although every lady likes to show a set of fine teeth, one set is quite enough for any head.

NEW MAIL BOXES.—A London correspondent of the Philadelphia North American gives the following account of an important improvement which has been introduced in the manner of packing letters for transportation by the mail steamers between Liverpool, Boston and New York:

The old fashioned leather bags which hitherto conveyed the mails from Liverpool to America, have been thrown aside, and tomorrow for the first time they will be conveyed in yellow pine boxes, each carrying about 2500 letters, and weighing about 90 or 100 pounds. By means of an inner spring, an engraved direction, Liverpool, Boston, New York, shows itself when necessary. The boxes are all numbered, and their destination can easily be traced. The lid is fastened down by a screw, counter sunk in a brass plate, over which is the Post Office seal, and this can only, therefore, be wilfully fractured.

SPAY AT HOME.—The infatuation of people, especially young men, to leave the healthful, independent, manly life of the country to seek their fortunes in the city, is lamentable. While there is not enough in the cities for the permanent population to attend to, and while the country is very much troubled to obtain labor at any fair price, young people are constantly crowding into the cities.—*Lowell Courier.*

THE COURT OF CLAIMS.—All three of the judges of this tribunal are now in Washington, Judge Lumpkin, of Georgia, having finally concluded to accept the position tendered to him by the President.—They are expected to organize formally on or about Thursday next.—*Washington Star.*

The steamship United States arrived off Sandy Hook, on Saturday afternoon, and anchored, having made the passage in three days twenty-three hours from Havana. The ship was detained 12 hours for a pilot; nor had any pilot appeared up to 7 o'clock yesterday morning, the steamer being then abreast of the Roemer.

The following note of the passage is furnished by the purser of the steamer, F. W. Perkins, Esq.:

On Friday, March 30th, left Mobile Bay with a full cargo of cotton, and after a short and rough passage of two days, anchored on Sunday, April 1, in the harbor of Havana, where we remained until 5 3/4 p. m., Tuesday, April 3, when we weighed anchor, and while proceeding out of the harbor, and passing between two of the Spanish ships of war, the Francisco Deceas, and the General Izco, which were anchored very close together, the paddle box of the United States struck the end of the sparker-town of the Francisco Deceas, and broke it off which accident was very much regretted, for in those days of turmoil and commotion such a simple accident may be attributed to intention on part of the steamer. Passed the Moro at 8 3/4, and proceeded to sea. Safely moored, after a short and pleasant passage of three days and 23 hours, to Sandy Hook, being the quickest passage on record from Havana to New York.

April 7, 4 p. m., off Cape Hatteras, passed a bark showing red signal and blue ball, steering N. N. E. 10 a. m., passed a barque, the Hannah Thomson, steering to the Eastward.

The news from Havana is not of much interest. Nothing had occurred since the execution of Estrampes to create alarm though his fate was very freely commented upon. Martial law still continued, and business was quite suspended.

Extract from a letter to the Times, March 16.

WILL SEBASTOPOL EVER FALL? \* \* \* The actual works of the siege make no progress to justify one in prophesying. Actual increase of lines and batteries, and armament there is, no doubt, but it exists on both sides, and there has been no comparative advantage gained by the allies which can be made public. The failure of the French to hold the position from which they dislodged the Russian Riflemen the night before last, has had the effect of emboldening the enemy considerably, but the heavy fire of the large mortars which the French are plying to day and which they fired at short intervals yesterday has had grave results for the enemy. All this partial fire is, more or less, mischievous to ourselves, as it draws the attention of the Russians to their weak points, and shows them the necessity of erecting batteries to reply to those of the allies.

HAZARD & CASWELL.

NEW Gas Round Congreve Matches, every match will ignite with certainty, even if damp, and will burn with an agreeable smell; manufactured by Robert Hazard & Co., for sale by HAZARD & CASWELL, 12 Washington Square and 137 Thames street.

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Mrs. PARTINGTON'S VINDICATION.—The shadow of something dark fell on the paper we were perusing on Saturday, and looking up, the black bonnet of Mrs. Partington brooded above our head like a detached thunder cloud. We saw at once that something was wrong. The brow of the dame was troubled like a mountain lake in November; her eye, in the cavernous gloom of the bonnet, seemed unwomanly brilliant, her voice was tremulous as though pent feelings were struggling with some philosophical thumb that was holding it back. "See here," she said at length, and laid a Transcript before us, much soiled and crumpled, as if ashamed of itself; "see here" pointing to a paragraph insinuating that it was Mrs. Partington and not Mrs. Patterson that had been discovered at Lowell; "I can be contentious and unmovable under most things," said she, "but this is an importation I can't stand, any how? What is it that I have lived so long, virtuous, if I am to be treated with this vile calomel at the last? Don't you think I could level an attachment on the editor for a 'jabber'?" We saw that she was excited, and not wishing to ruin the Transcript, we informed her that it was probably a typographical error, and that the editor would undoubtedly correct it. She went out to join like, who stood down stairs, watching the operation of Mr. Saunders's railway.

Boston Post.

The Know Nothings are very proud of styling themselves Americans—our country having been called America from a foreign adventurer and a Roman Catholic, and a thief of another man's glory at that.—*[Boston Post.]*

Mrs. Bloomer has gone to Council Bluffs to reside. She permitted her husband to accompany her.

DEFIANCE SALAMANDER SAFES. ROBERT M. PATRICK is the SOLE MANUFACTURER in the United States of the above celebrated Safes, and F. C. GORRIN'S IMPROVED DEFENSE LOCK AND CROSS-BARS.—The best Safes and Locks combined in the world, to which the highest premiums have been awarded, by the Committee on the Mechanical Machinery Institute of Washington and the American Institute, New York. Prices of all sizes on hand for sale, and made to order at the Depot No. 192 Pearl Street, one door below Maiden Lane, and at the Manufactory Nos. 60, 62, 64 and 66 Cannon St. N. Y.

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SELECT SCHOOL.—Instruction is given by MISS E. THURSTON in all English branches and the Classics. Terms, \$100, per annum. Rooms, Church street, next below Massing's Hall. Residences, corner of Mary and Thames streets.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.—Just received a large assortment of Millinery Goods, consisting of all kinds of Bonnets, Silk Hats, French Flowers, Straw Trimmings, &c., &c. Edgings and in fact every article that is kept in such a Establishment, all of which will be sold for a little above cost of gold for 121 Thames corner of Church streets. IRA FRENCH.

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CRACKERS.—Milk, Soda, Pick Nic, and Sugar Crackers, rec'd this day fresh from the bakery at YOUNG & SMITH'S.

WANTED, a situation as chambermaid or landlady in a private family; apply at this office.

NOTICE.

THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Newport Exchange Bank, for the election of officers, will be held at the Bank, on the 7th of May next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

A dividend has been declared and will be paid on and after May 1st.

D. W. HOLLOWAY, Cashier.

VESTINGS.

NEW style elegant Silk and Challa Vestings, for Spring, this day opened.

D. J. & N. H. GOULD, 70 Thames-st.

COATINGS.

CASWELL, Melton, and other beautiful styles of goods for Spring wear, just opened by D. J. & N. H. GOULD, 70 Thames-st.

NEW MILLINERY.

THE subscriber would inform the Ladies of Newport and vicinity, that he will open this day the most splendid lot of Fancy Silk Hats ever before opened in this city, and is now prepared to make to order, Crapes, Lawns, Lace and Silk Hats.

P. S. He would inform the Ladies that he has engaged the services of Mrs. Dow, from Boston, whose taste in the Millinery line cannot be surpassed in this or any other city in the Union.

F. H. GREENE, 86 Thames-st.

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Gentlemen, now is the time to get your Hats bleached and pressed, and also have it in mind that GREENE does up his Panama Hats with out the use of acids, and warrants the color to last longer and the Hats to look ten per cent whiter than those done with acids. Don't forget the number, 86 Thames-st.

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FOREIGN NEWS.—2000 lbs. Almonds, Pecan Nuts, English Walnuts, Filberts, Cream Nuts, and Peanuts, fresh and of prime quality, for sale by YOUNG & SMITH, 111 Thames-st.

CHINA AND EARTHEN WARE.

C. T. HAZARD & Co. having removed from Washington Square to the spacious store No. 63 Thames street, (next South of Long Wharf) and City Hall, now offer for sale a large and fine assortment of China, Glass and Earthen Ware, comprising a great variety, than ever before offered in this city, consisting in part of White, Gilt and Pigeon French China, Blue Canton China, Plain, cut and Engraved Glass, White and Blue and White Stone Ware, common White and cut Ware.

Citizens and Strangers furnishing houses can find every article in this list always on hand or procured to order at the shortest notice and on as reasonable terms as similar goods can be bought anywhere.

COURT OF PROBATE, Newport, March, 26, 1855.

THE Commission on the estate of NICHOLAS W. MARSH, late of Newport, bankrupt, and sheet-iron worker, due, prevent their report of claims on said estate for reception; the same is read and referred for consideration to a Court of Probate, to be held at the City Clerk's office in Newport, on Monday, the 23rd day of April next, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Notice is ordered to be given thereof for three successive weeks in the Daily News, that all persons interested may appear at said time and place and be heard thereon.

H. B. HOWLAND, Prob. Clerk.

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